

◆戸惑い。そして母から告げられるのは…。

MOM...?

I'LL GET STRAIGHT TO THE POINT.

WE NEED TO TALK.

クワールに  
返らない

Can't defy the Lonely Girl.\*

榎風  
Kashikaze





I'VE  
FINALLY  
COME TO  
GET YOU.

MOM...  
HAS FOUND  
SOMEONE  
TO REMARRY,  
YOU SEE?



I'VE  
ALREADY  
MADE ALL  
THE PREP-  
ARATIONS  
FOR THE  
MOVE...

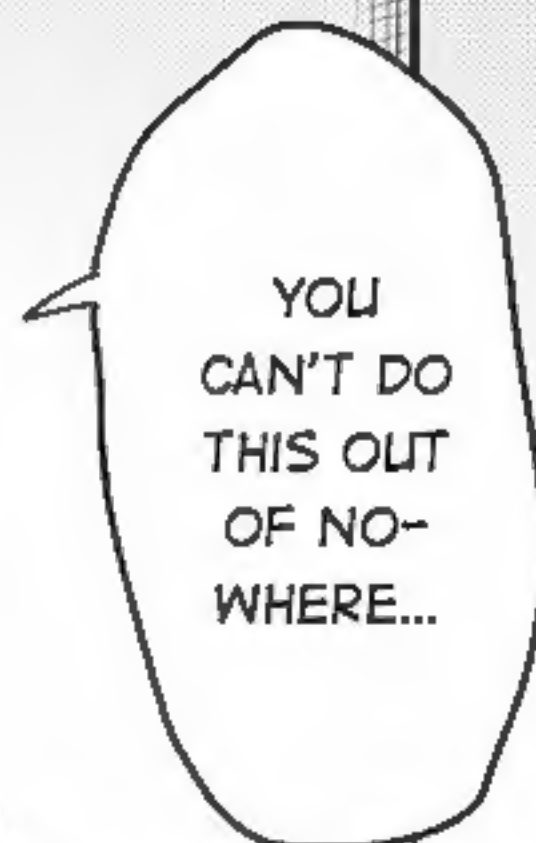
THIS  
HOUSE  
WILL BE  
GOING UP  
FOR SALE,  
SO PACK  
YOUR  
THINGS.

WAIT...  
HOLD  
ON...!



HUH...?









I'VE  
PUT IN  
ALL THIS  
WORK BY  
MYSELF  
FOR YOUR  
SAKE.

WHAT DID  
YOU SAY?  
YOU USED  
TO BE SO  
MUCH MORE  
OBEDIENT...



DON'T  
BE UNFAIR  
TO YOUR  
MOTHER.

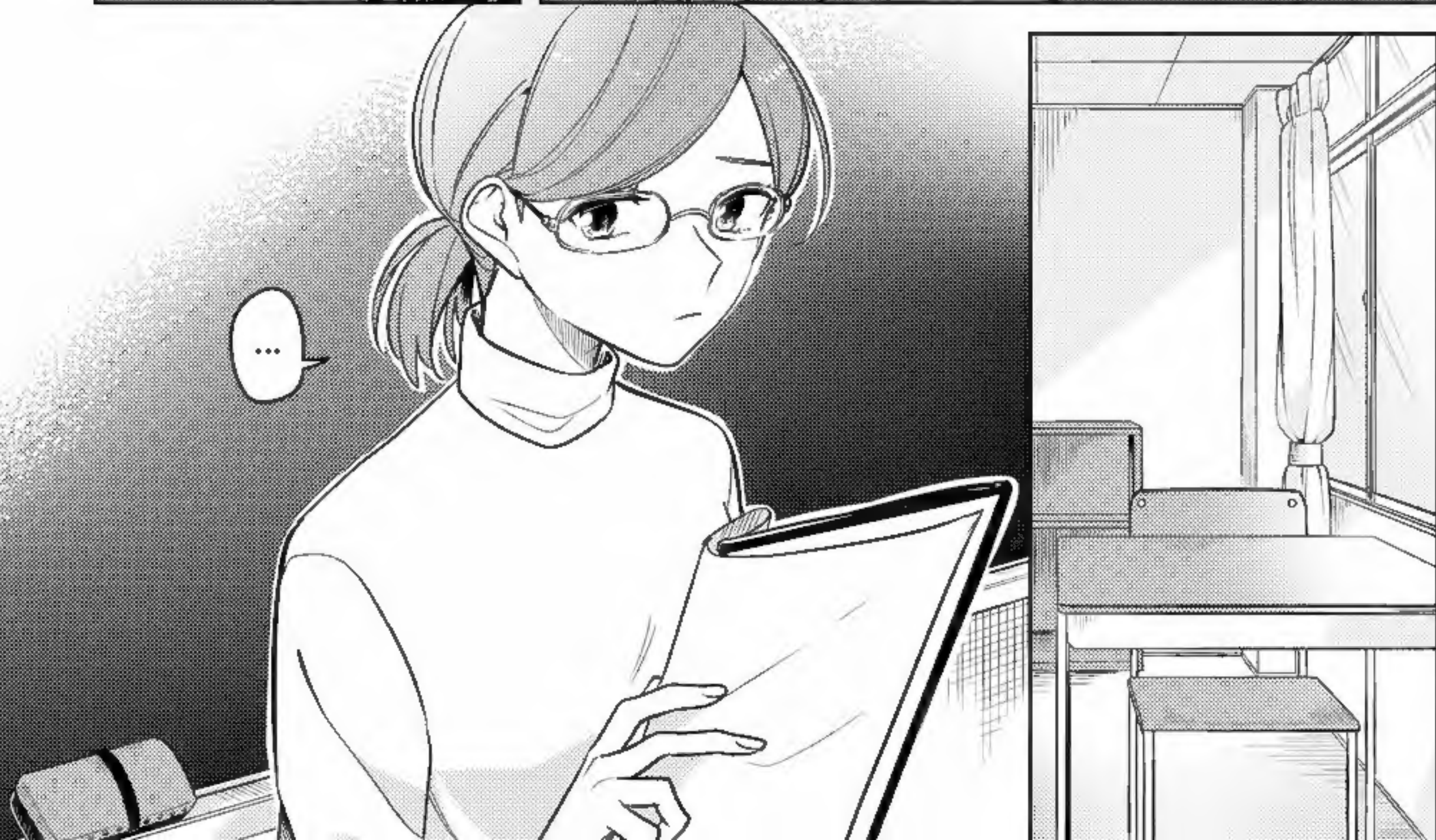




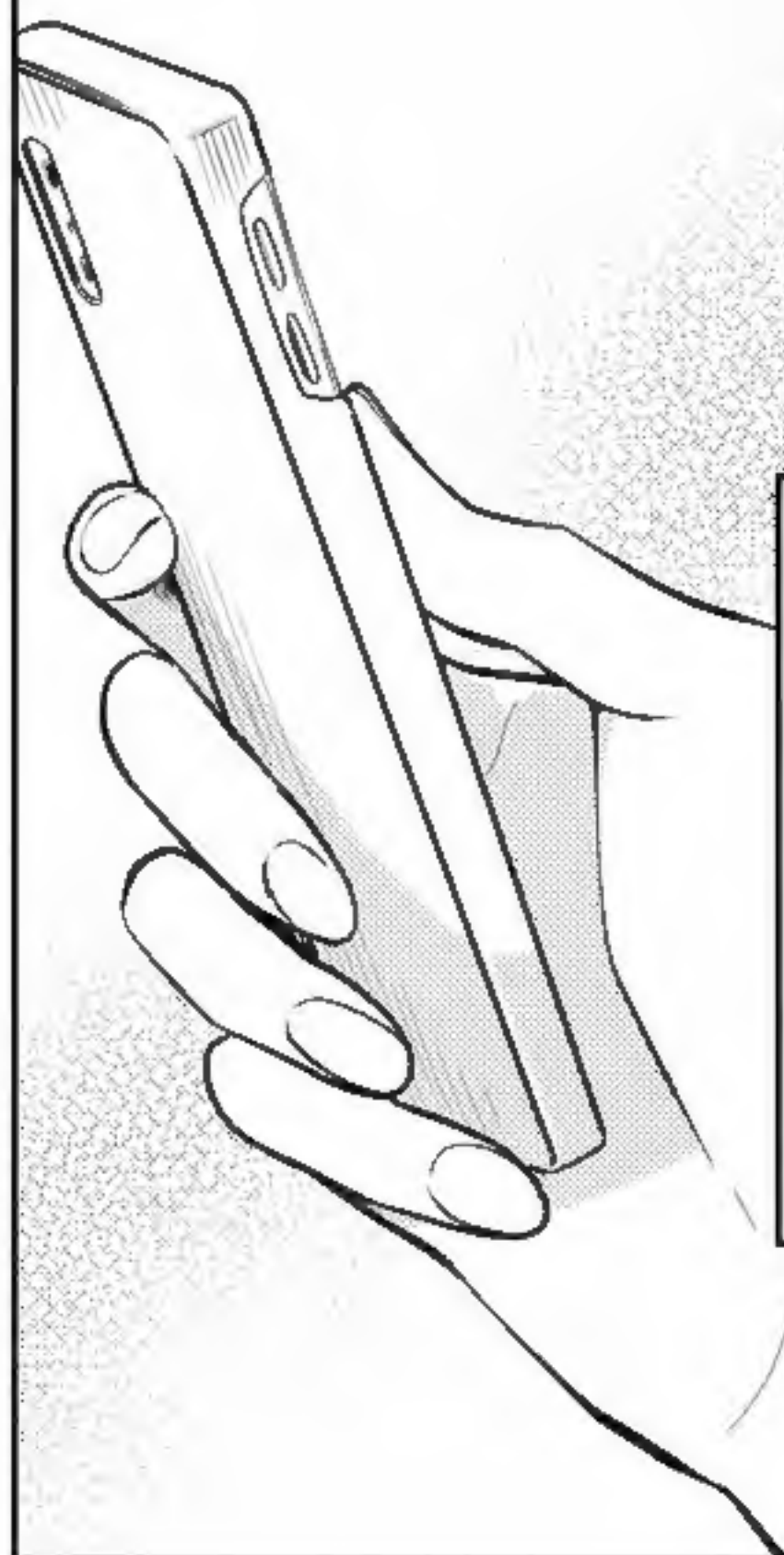






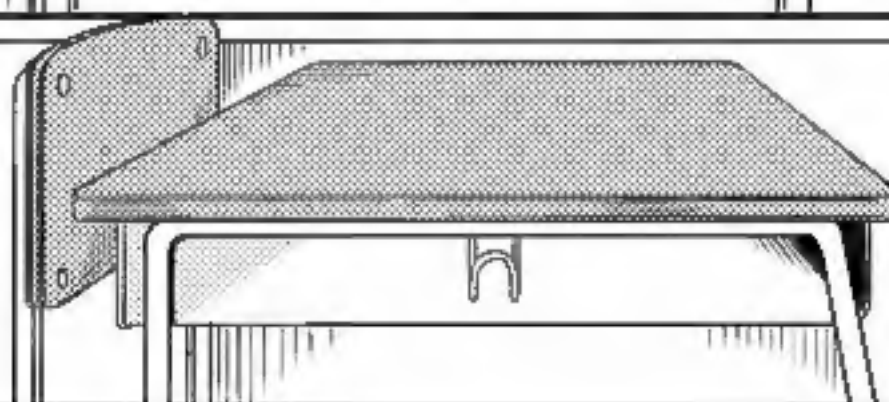






AND I STILL  
COULDN'T  
GET IN TOUCH  
WITH HER...

SHE WAS  
ABSENT FOR  
THE NEXT  
FOUR DAYS  
AFTER THAT.



HAVE  
YOU HEARD  
ANYTHING  
FROM HER,  
AYAKA...?

ALL THE  
TEACHER  
SAYS  
IS SHE'S  
ABSENT...



NO  
NEWS  
TODAY  
EITHER.



SORA...  
STILL ISN'T  
COMING TO  
SCHOOL...









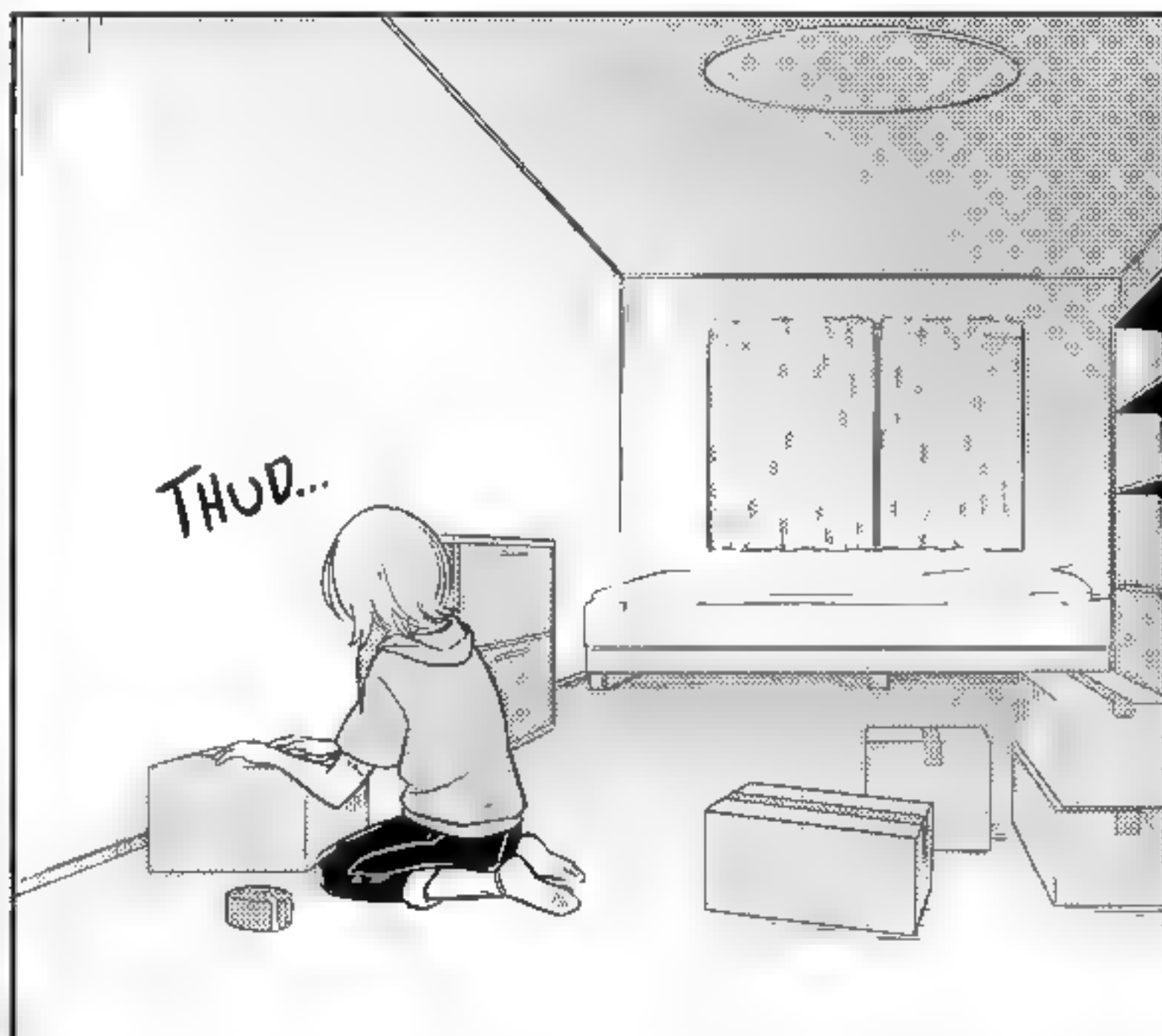
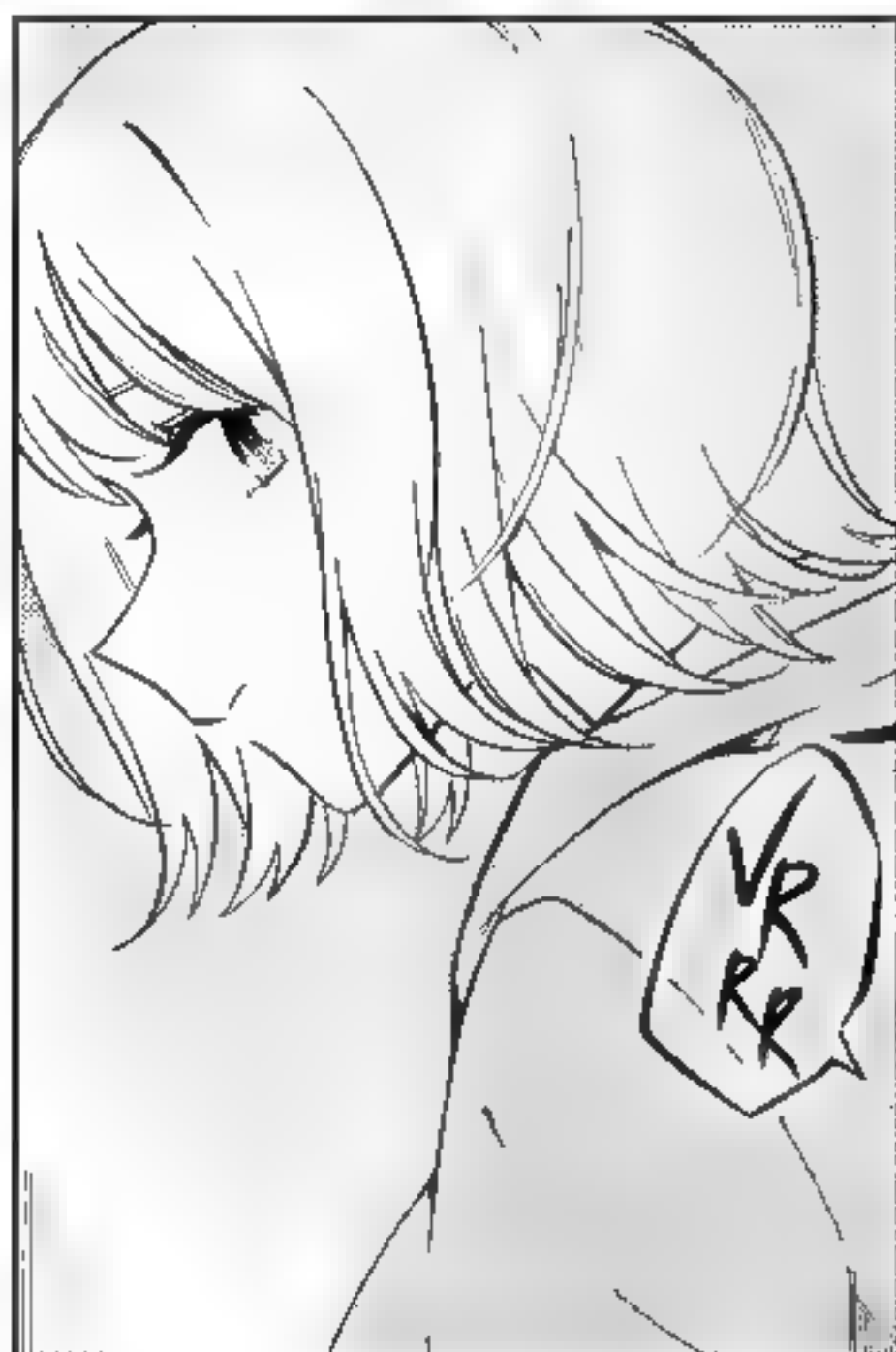
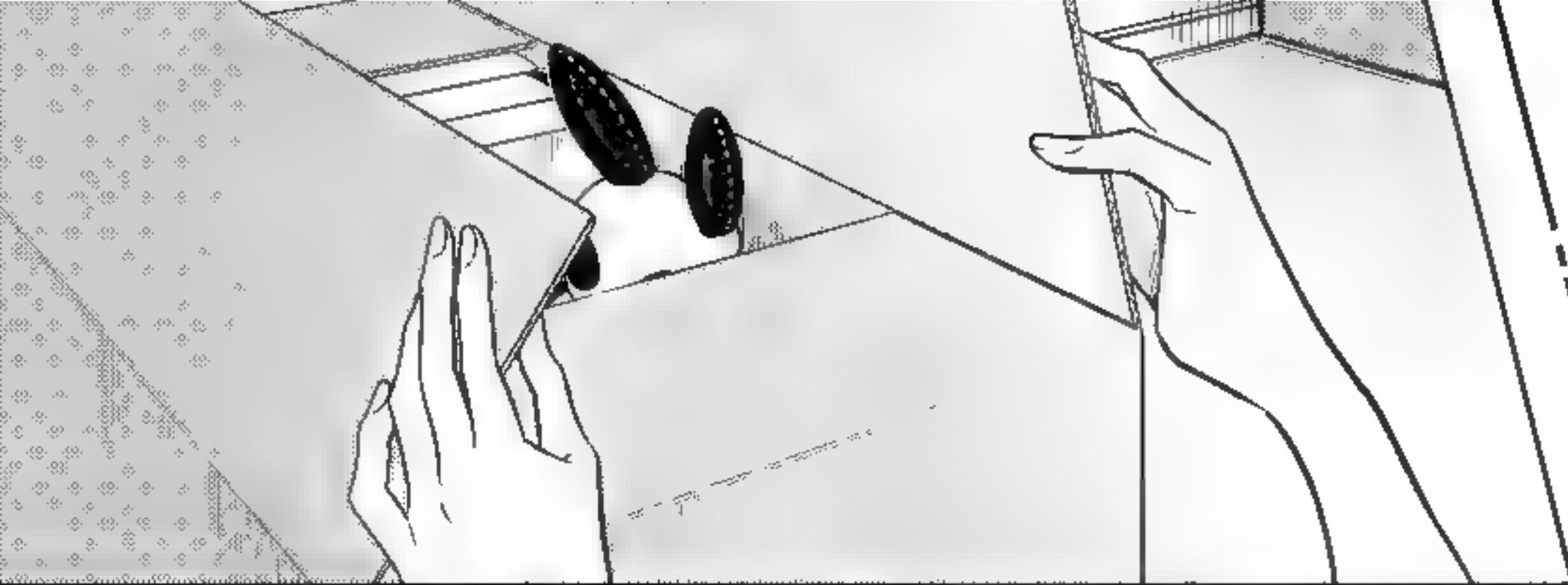




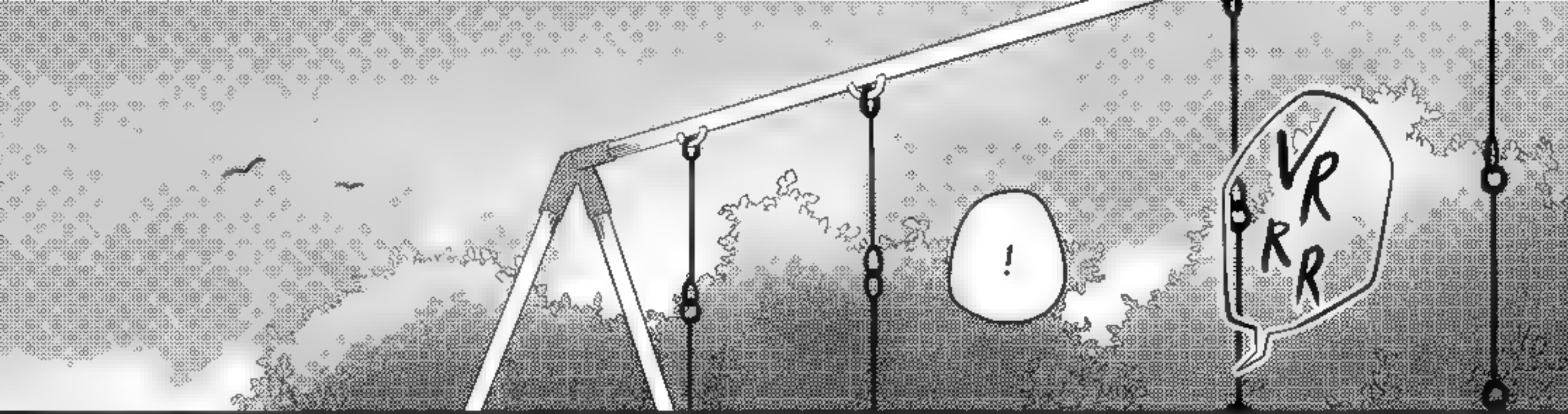












Why didn't you  
tell me?

TAP  
TAP  
TAP

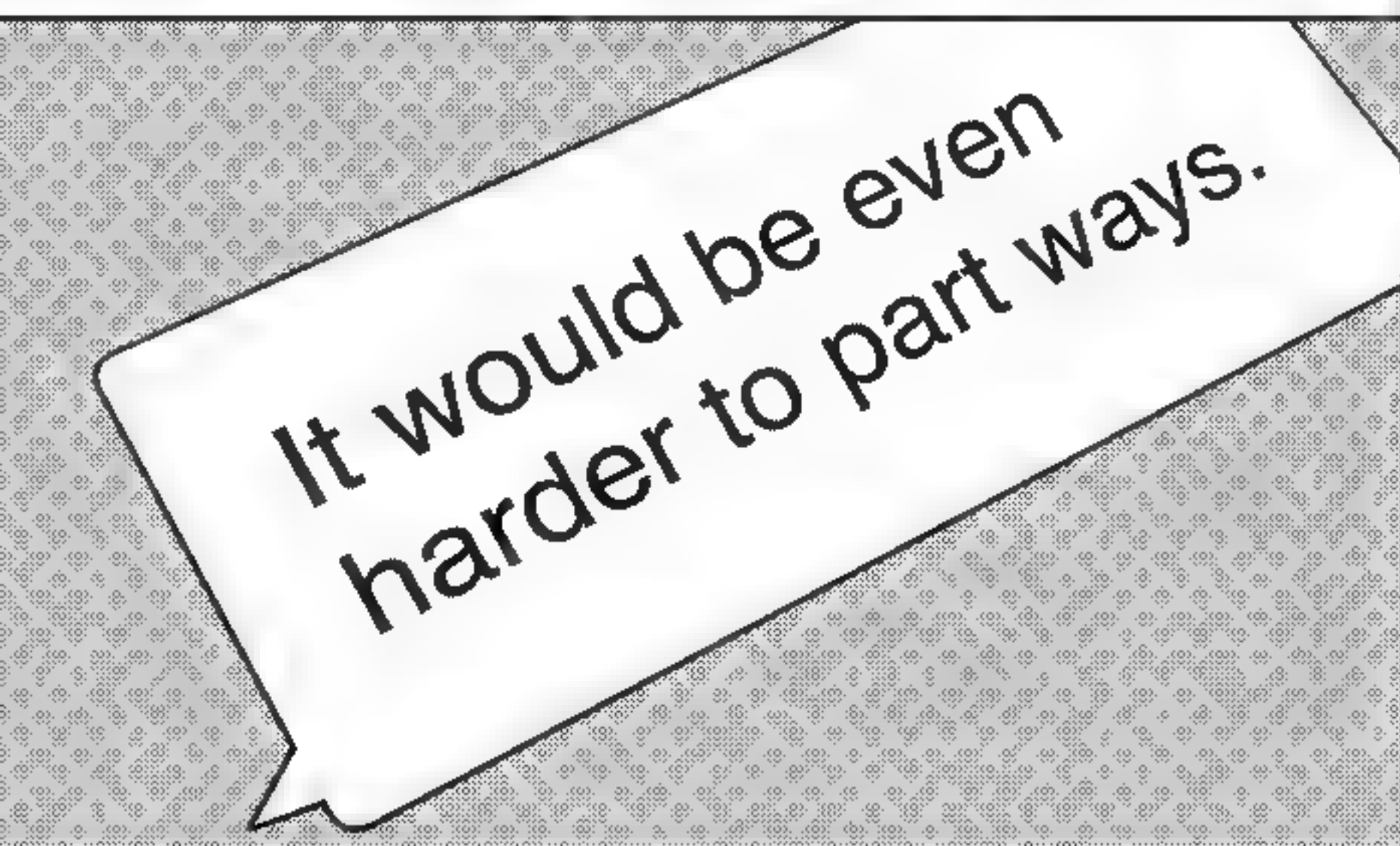
SHE  
REPLIED...!

Yeah... I was  
shocked too

Sorry... I couldn't  
bring myself to

Transferring...?  
It's too sudden...





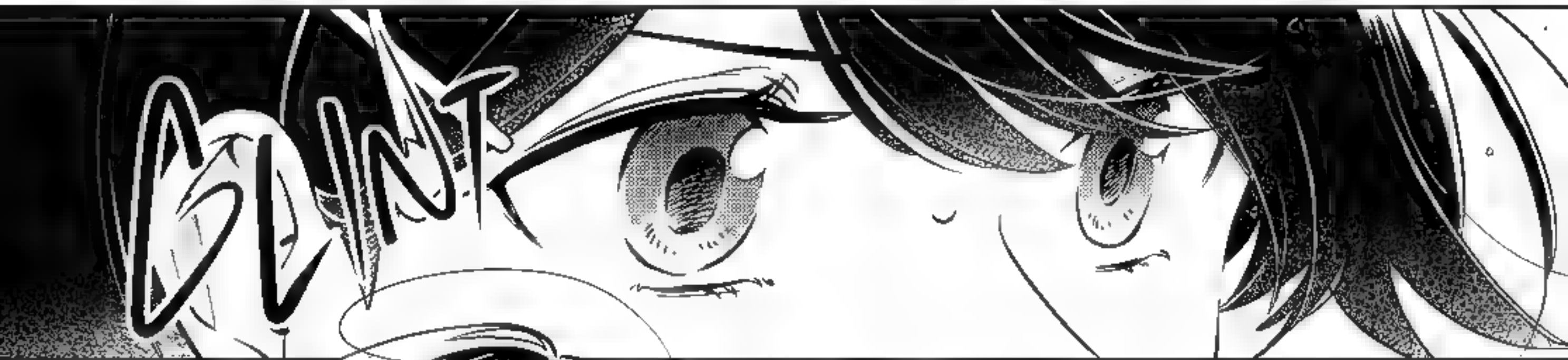




DON'T  
SAY  
THAT...



PART  
WAYS...

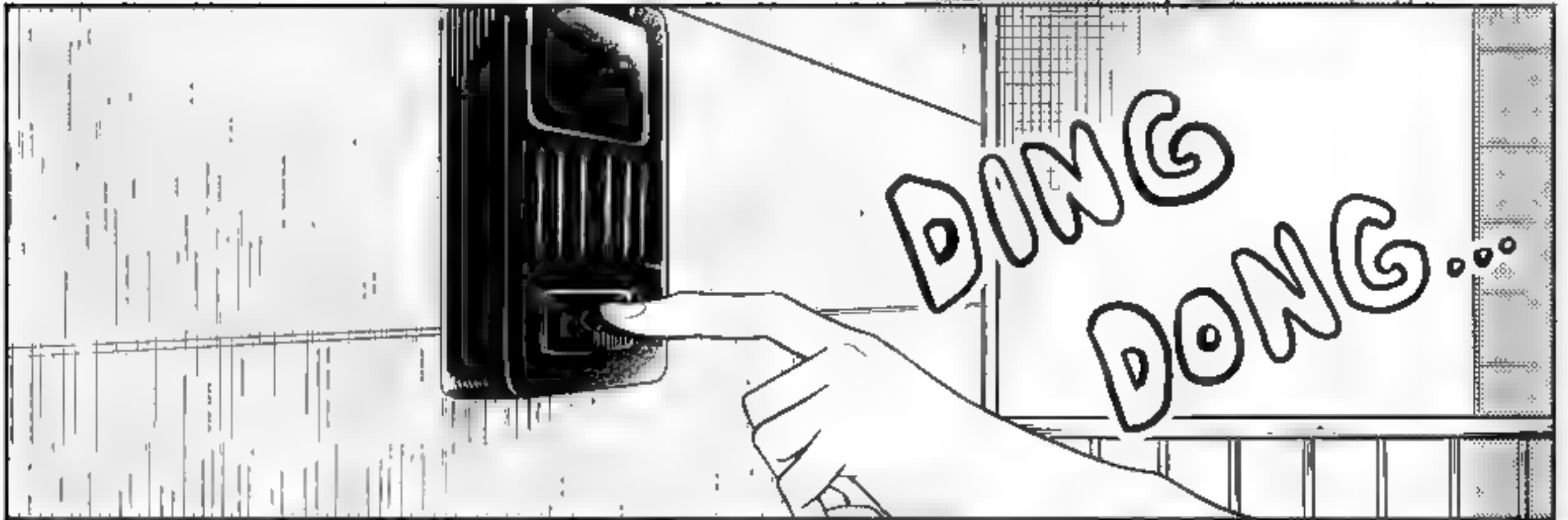


SORA!

DASH

WHIP









SORA IS BUSY GETTING READY TO MOVE THIS WEEKEND.

...UNFORTUNATELY,



I'D LIKE TO TALK TO HER.

SHE STOPPED COMING TO SCHOOL SUDDENLY, SO... UM...



PLEASE LET ME SEE SORA!

THIS MOVE... IS SO SUDDEN EVERYONE AT SCHOOL IS AT A LOSS!



GOOD DAY.  
BZZ



HMPH





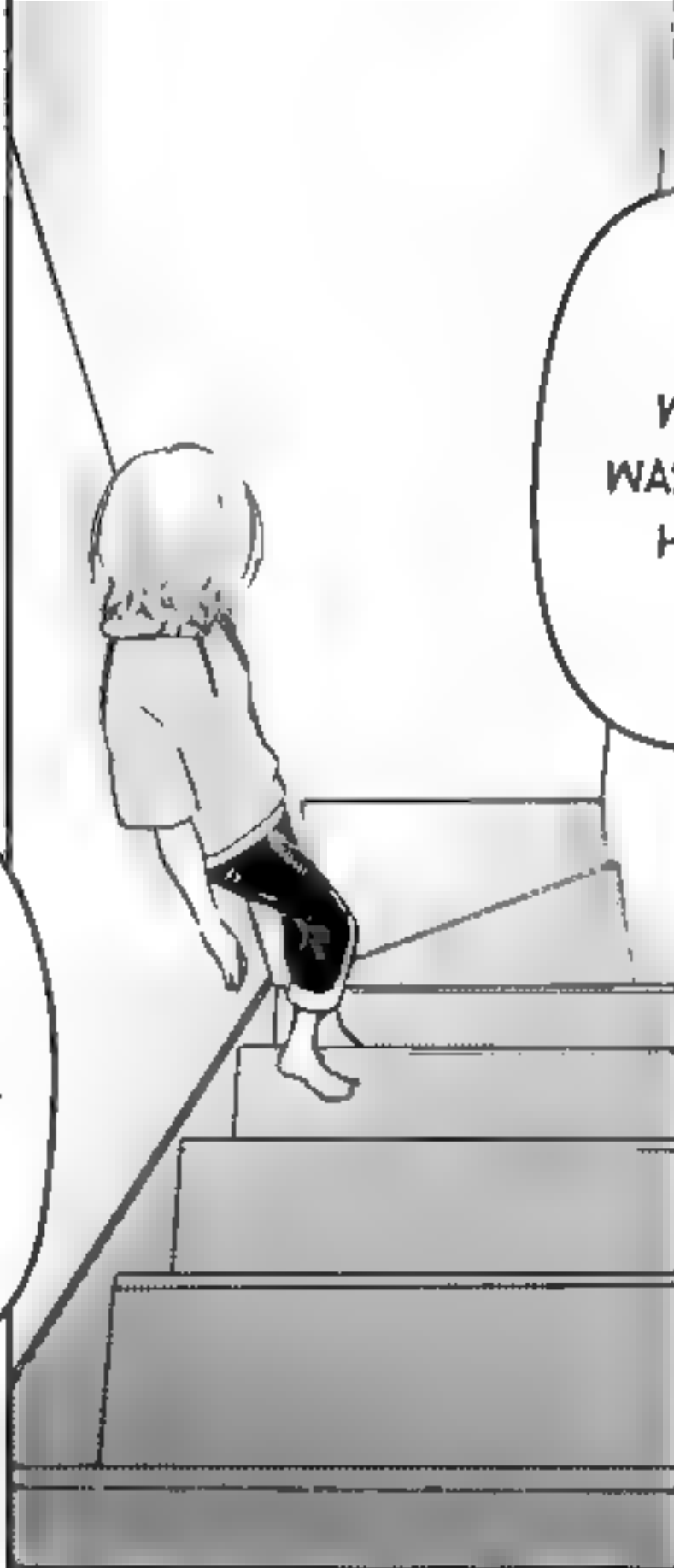








AYAKA...



WHAT  
WAS WITH  
HER...



GOOD  
GRIEF



A  
FAMILY  
AFFAIR,

HM...









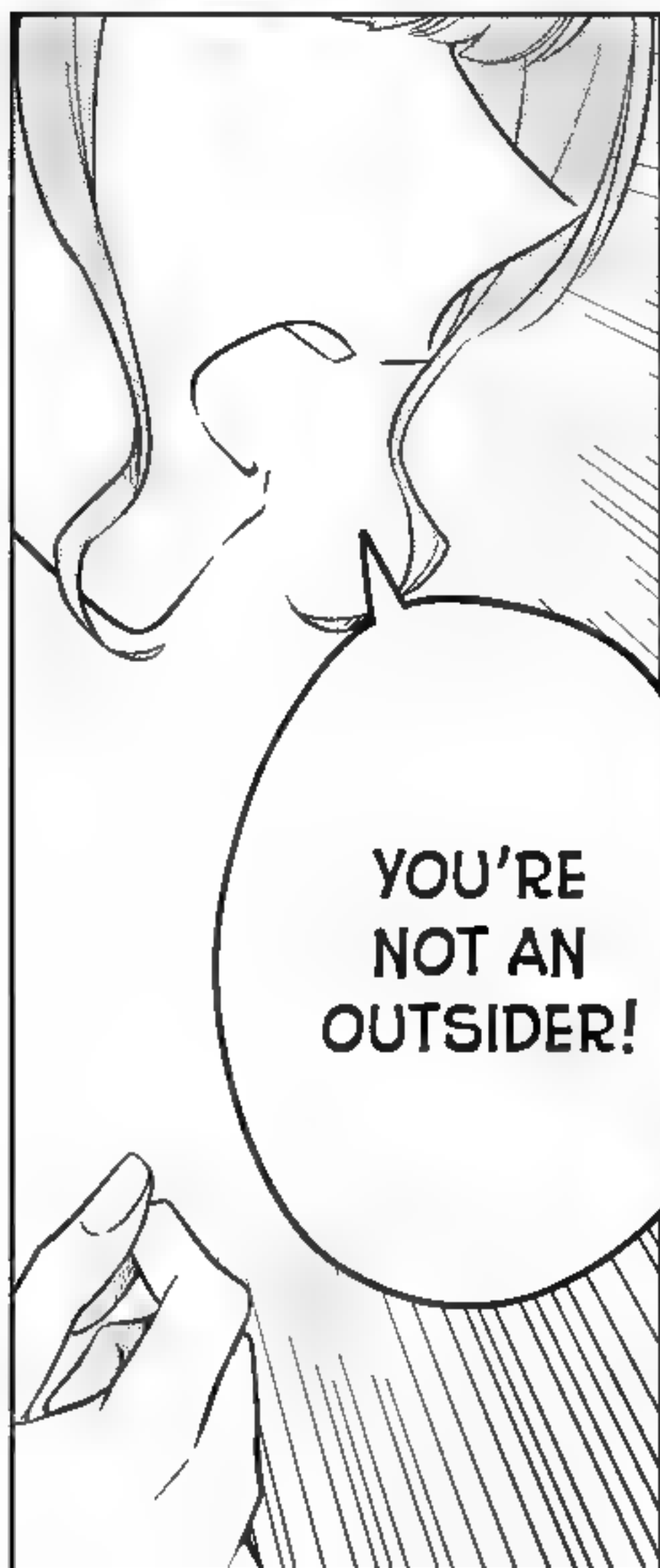
















AYAKA!



HUH?

HONAMI!?

YOU  
HAVEN'T  
CHECKED  
OUR GROUP  
CHAT, HAVE  
YOU!?



You go home yet, Ayaka?

We're havin' a meeting  
at my house! Assemble!

We're discussing if there's  
anything we can do for Sora!

Can you make it, Ayaka?

You're closest to Sora, so  
we want your opinion

WE'RE  
SORA'S  
FRIENDS  
TOO.

SO  
WE CAN  
INTERFERE  
WITH HER  
PARENTS  
ALL WE  
WANT!

WE AIN'T  
OUTSIDERS!  
WE'RE ALL  
BONA FIDE  
FRIENDS OF  
SORA!

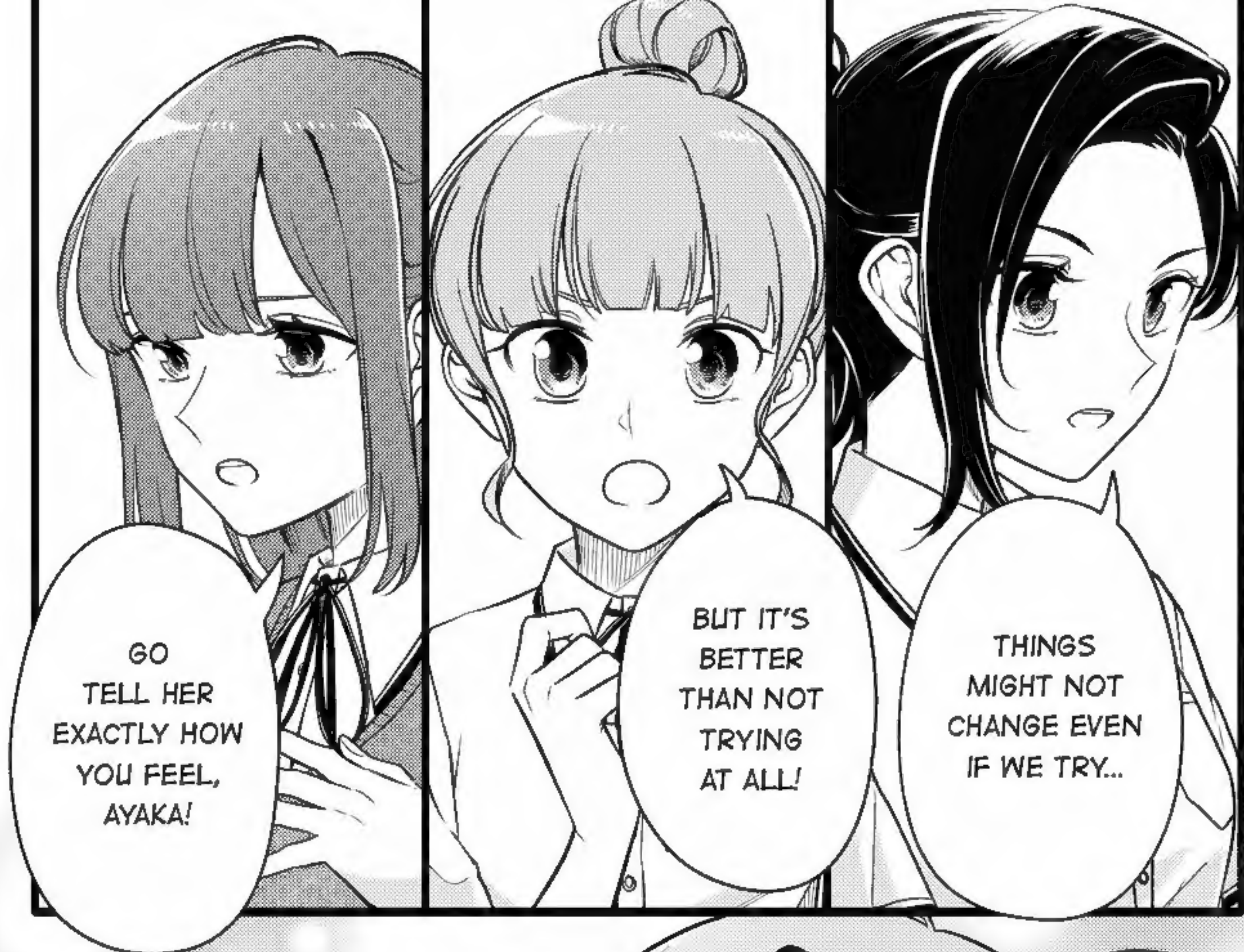
WE  
MET UP AT  
WAKANA'S  
HOUSE AFTER  
SCHOOL  
AND WERE  
TALKING.















SO I  
CAN'T  
DO  
ANY-  
THING?

IT'S A  
FAMILY  
AFFAIR?  
I'M JUST A  
CLASSMATE?

**SCREW  
THAT!**



THE WAY  
WE MET MAY  
NOT HAVE  
BEEN  
NORMAL,



BUT SORA  
GAVE ME  
COURAGE  
WHEN I  
HAD NO  
CONFIDENCE.



IT BECAME  
A GIVEN  
THAT SHE  
WOULD BE  
BESIDE ME.



AND  
AS THE  
MONTHS  
PASSED,





I DON'T  
WANT TO  
HAVE ANY  
REGRETS...!

I DON'T  
WANT TO  
LEAVE  
SORA...

YANK

YEAH...!

AND WHAT  
I CAN DO  
TO MAKE  
SURE I  
DON'T...

EVERYONE...  
THANK YOU!

*To be continued.*